



# FACILITY PARTNER

A formal agreement signed with New Mexico State University in October 2000, made temporary office space and administrative support at its Carlsbad campus available to the Institute. The office is located in the university's Carlsbad Environmental Monitoring and Research Center (CEMRC), through an arrangement designed to facilitate collaboration between the two groups. The agreement was the first to be signed on behalf of the Institute, and provided an important bridge to establishing the Institute in Carlsbad until its headquarters building is completed. Lewis Land, a New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources hydrologist affiliated with NCKRI, established the Institute's first permanent presence in Carlsbad when he began the Bureau's karst hydrology program for southeastern New Mexico out of the CEMRC building during the summer of 2002. In December 2002, Louise Hose, the new Institute Director arrived in Carlsbad and set up her office in CEMRC's building. Throughout 2003, the facility provided two to three offices and computer network support for the Institute. Their support greatly facilitated establishing the physical presence of NCKRI in the Carlsbad community.

**New Mexico State  
University – Carlsbad  
Carlsbad Environmental  
Monitoring and  
Research Center**

**The Carlsbad Environmental Monitoring and  
Research Center, home of NCKRI during 2003.**

